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The Honorable Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 189 by Representative Richard

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 189 by Representative Richard provides for early retirement for members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) with an actuarial reduction of benefits. While I fully support the goal of the bill which adds to existing law allowing for early retirement and the abolition of positions, I am concerned that the proposed legislation exempts three hospitals but does not adequately account for critical positions that have a direct impact on patient care or for critical positions that have a direct impact on public safety, such as State Troopers.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 189 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives. Please note that I vetoed similar legislation last year for the same reasons.

Sincerely,



Bobby Jindal  
Governor